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Application No.: 10/565,282) Oroup Art Unit: 2811
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Title: BACKSIDE-ILLUMINATED PHOTODETECTOR)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A European Search Report dated February 16, 2007 that issued in a corresponding European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood from their attached English-language abstracts, and from the citation of these documents in the attached European Search report dated February 16, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

While the European Search Report additionally cites to JP 02-185070 and JP 2002-319669, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on August 14, 2006.

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present application.

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this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due

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